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SUBJECT: U.S. CONTACTS WITH THE PLO

1. THE GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE JULY 28 ISSUED THE FOLLOWING TEXT  
REGARDING ISRAELI REGRET AT U.S. CONTACT WITH THE PLO. BEGIN  
TEXT: THE GOVERNMENT OF SRAEL CONVEYS ITS REGRETS TO THE U.S.  
STATE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING THE CONTACTS ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE PLO, ON THE EVACUATION  
OF AMERICAN NATIONALS FROM BEIRUT. AT THE SAME TIME IT IS NOTED  
BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL THAT IT WAS INFORMED BY THE U.S.  
GOVERNMENT THAT THESE CONTACTS WERE MOTIVATED BY PURELY HUMANITARIAN  
GROUNDS, AND DENOTE NO CHANGE WHATSOEVER IN THE STAND OF THE  
U.S. GOVERNMENT WITH REGARD TO THE PLO. END TEXT.

2. THE PRESS OFFICE ALSO ISSUED ON JULY 28 THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY  
OF RABIN'S REMARKS DURING A KNESSET DEBATE ON THE SAME SUBJECT.  
BEGIN TEXT: THERE IS A TENDENCY TO PRESENT A PICTURE WHICH AS A  
RULE IS MUCH DARKER THAN ACTUALLY CALLED FOR. AN EXAMPLE OF  
THIS IS THE DISTORTIONS PRESENTED BY THE MEDIA REPORTING  
ON THE UNITED STATES' RELATIONS WITH THE TERRORISTS. WHAT  
ARE THE FACTS? THE U.S. HAS CONTACTED THE TERRORIST  
ORGANIZATIONS IN ORDER TO EXTRICATE ITS CITIZENS FROM  
BEIRUT WHICH IS IN TERRORIST HANDS. SHOULD THIS DEVELOP  
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INTO POLITICAL CONTACT THAT WOULD BE A SERIOUS MATTER...

DO WE HAVE TO BE THE FIRST TO ARISE AND TELL THE WORLD;  
THE AMERICANS ARE ENTERING INTO POLITICAL CONTACT, WHILE  
THEY ARE DENYING THIS, WHILE THEY ARE UNDER OBLIGATION OF  
AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN US, A MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING...? I AM  
NOT ACCUSING ANYONE HERE, NOT NAMING ANYONE--BUT WE HAVE BEEN  
WITNESSING THESE MANIFESTATIONS NOW FOR SOME TIME. END TEXT.

3. COMMENT: WHILE GOI REMAINS CONCERNED ABOUT U.S. CONTACT  
WITH PLO (SEE TEL AVIV 5163), IT APPEARS TO BE MAKING AN  
EFFORT TO DOWNPLAY THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SUCH CONTACT. RABIN'S  
REMARKS OCCURRED DURING HIS REVIEW OF KNESSET DEBATE ON HIS  
PERFORMANCE PRIOR TO KNESSET ADJOURNMENT FOR SUMMER RECESS.  
AS SUCH, RABIN WOULD BE, OF COURSE, INCLINED TO PUT BEST FACE  
ON ANY INDICATION OF EROSION IN U.S./ISRAELI RELATIONS, A  
CORNERSTONE OF HIS FOREIGN POLICY, PARTICULARLY SINCE SINAI II  
AGREEMTN. WHILE MUCH LOCAL PRESS REPORTING HAS BEEN CRITICAL  
OF RABIN FOR ATTEMPTING TO MINIMIZE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE  
CONTACTS, SOME EDITORIALS HAVE DEEMPHASIZED THE POLITICAL  
RAMIFICATIONS OF U.S.-PLO CONTACTS, WHILE NOTING APPARENT  
CONFUSION BETWEEN ISRAEL'S WASHINGTON EMBASSY'S EXPRESSION  
OF REGRET AND RABIN'S EQUANIMITY ON THE MATTER.

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